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In re application of : Confirmation No. 1560
Yoshinori MATSUI et al. : Docket No. 2001_0471A
Serial No. 09/838,174 : Group Art Unit 2616
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RESPONSE

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2005.

Claims 1, 3-6 and 8 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Senoh. Also, claim 2 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Senoh in view of Morley.

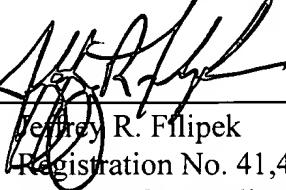
A translation of the foreign priority document for the present application is submitted herewith in order to perfect Applicants' claim for foreign priority. The foreign priority date for the present application is April 21, 2000, which is prior to the filing date of April 11, 2001 of the Senoh reference. Moreover, the subject matter of each of claims 1-6 and 8 is fully supported by the foreign priority document.

In view of the above and the submission of the translation of the foreign priority document, it is submitted that claims 1-8 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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